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GMA lawyer: Padaca victim of Comelec clique

By Christina V. Esguerra in Manila and Vilmarie Vayza in Baguio Northern Luzon
SHUTTING JAMIRA GON GRACE Padaca yesterday found an unlikely ally in the election lawyer of President Macapagal-Arroyo in her effort to become president. Macapagal, headmaster of the Commission on Elections' Second Division for monitoring Padaca on Tuesday in favor of former Gov. Benjamin Dy, saying

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'Where is the President?'

Missiles, rockets find stuns military

By Marlon Ramon and Inquirer Mindanao

SHARIF AGUNG, MAGUINDAYAO—The continuing discovery of state-owned armaments hidden in purported civilian homes in the Maguindayo has disturbed military officials.

On Tuesday night, missiles and ammunition with sufficient power to obliterate a small town were found by soldiers in a large warehouse allegedly owned by Maguindayo Gov. Andal Ampatuan Jr.

The missiles, including "killing" rockets, were stored between two concrete walls of a storage area just a few meters from the province's main public market in Marawi, his spokesman said.

"We were really amazed by the discovery," Lt. Col. Michael Serrano, spokesperson of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in Maguindayo, yesterday told the Inquirer.

"Only government forces are allowed to have these high explosives. The supply of some of these is limited," Serrano said, adding that the weapons found



MARTIAL LAW ON THEIR MINDS—Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and Speaker Prospero Nograles provide over an unprecedented joint session of Congress called to deliberate on President Macapagal-Arroyo's declaration of martial law in Maguindayo. They adjourned before 11 last night and will resume at 2 p.m. today.



EAR FROM THE MADDENING CROWD—President Macapagal-Arroyo presides on the signing into law a bill converting into a state university a college in Bacolor, Pampanga. (comscore)

Why isn't GMA here? It's history

By Gil Cabanangan Jr., Lito Salaverria and Christine O. Anadara

"WHERE IS THE PRESIDENT?"

Lawmakers yesterday cited the glaring absence of the commander-in-chief, who declared martial law in Maguindayo, during the first joint session of Congress.

The session was delayed by almost an hour due to debates on the absence of the President, his defense secretary and the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

"Why is he not here? This is history. Does he not love the country at all to appear in person? He thought that week the President declaring martial law the President himself should be here to explain to us," asked Maguindayo Rep. Domingo Dilangan, his voice rising.

Together with fellow Maguindayo Rep. Simon Domocay, Dilangan said that they were the only lawmakers who were present by affected by Presidential Proclamation No. 1059.

His absence raised the proclamation on Friday night to suppress a "rebel force in the offing" of disaffected armed groups loyal to the Ampatuan clan, accused of slaughtering the Nov. 23 killing of 57 people in Maguindayo.

Since Friday's proclamation read by

How they died: Andal Jr. finished them off

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE 57 VICTIMS LAY IN THE DIRT as they were shot one by one either in the mouth, chest or head, with Andal Ampatuan Jr. delivering the coup de grace from his helicopter as he made sure they were all dead.

But the women victims appeared to

have suffered a more ghastly death, having been shot in the genitals and their vital parts chopped off by their killers.

These were the gory details disclosed yesterday by the Philippine National Police of how Ampatuan Jr., a member of the all-powerful Maguindayo political clan, allegedly carried out the grisly Nov. 23 massacre in Maguindayo, based on

the accounts of a civilian volunteer and a police officer who claimed to have witnessed the killings.

Ampatuan Jr., the mayor of Davao City town, is the prime suspect in the massacre in Maguindayo town, the worst election-related violence yet in Philippine history.



JUSTICE NOW! Protesters demand justice for the victims of the Nov. 23 massacre in Maguindayo.

MEDIA MARCH FOR JUSTICE—Filipino and foreign journalists, along with artists, farmers, activists and urban poor, march to the historic Mendocino Bridge in Manila to mark the International Day Against Impunity and the demand justice for the 57 victims, including at least 39 media workers, of the Nov. 23 massacre in Maguindayo.

DEADLY CACHE—Government troops inspect thousands of rounds of ammunition for M-16 rifles, M-15 and M-14 rifles, and rockets hidden behind a secret wall in a warehouse owned by the powerful Ampatuan clan.



WEAPONS—A cache of weapons and ammunition found in a warehouse owned by the powerful Ampatuan clan.

Six win Ninoy, Cory lesson plan contest

By Chris B. Ferreras Learning Editor

WHAT WILL YOU TEACH THE YOUNG about Cory and Ninoy, Agosin, and how?

This was the question the Inquirer posed to elementary and secondary school teachers after President Corason Aquino passed away in August and the nation entered a period of

Rebellion raps vs 7 Ampatuans but murder charges still priority

By Inquirer Mindanao and Norman Bordeador in Manila

COMRADE CITY—THE SHARPENED sword of justice yesterday filed rebellion charges against seven members of the powerful Ampat-

uan family and in connection with the Nov. 23 massacre of 57 people in Maguindayo.

This as Justice Secretary Ricardo Blanco said the DOJ was pursuing both the rebellion and multiple murder charges against the Ampatuans with the

same force.

"There is no issue [in the meantime] that the rebellion cases are being prioritized over the multiple murder case. Both are proceeding continuously at the pace at which witnesses are

Before backhoe, there were chainsaws: CHR looking into 200 other murders

By Nikke Dizon

BEFORE THE BACKHOE, THERE were chainsaws. The Nov. 23 Maguindayo massacre, at

least 200 people may have been killed and buried in mass graves upon orders from the powerful Ampatuan clan throughout its 15-year reign in the remote Mindanao province, according

to the chief of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR).

CHR chair Lito de Lima said this chilling estimate came from informants who had come from



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GSIS' strange silence on strange pension deductions

BY GONCERIO A. MORALES, a fellow writer, told me that he was shocked, his pension payments were about \$2,000. This prompted him to go to the GSIS website office to file a complaint. He said that the pension payments were about \$2,000. This prompted him to go to the GSIS website office to file a complaint.

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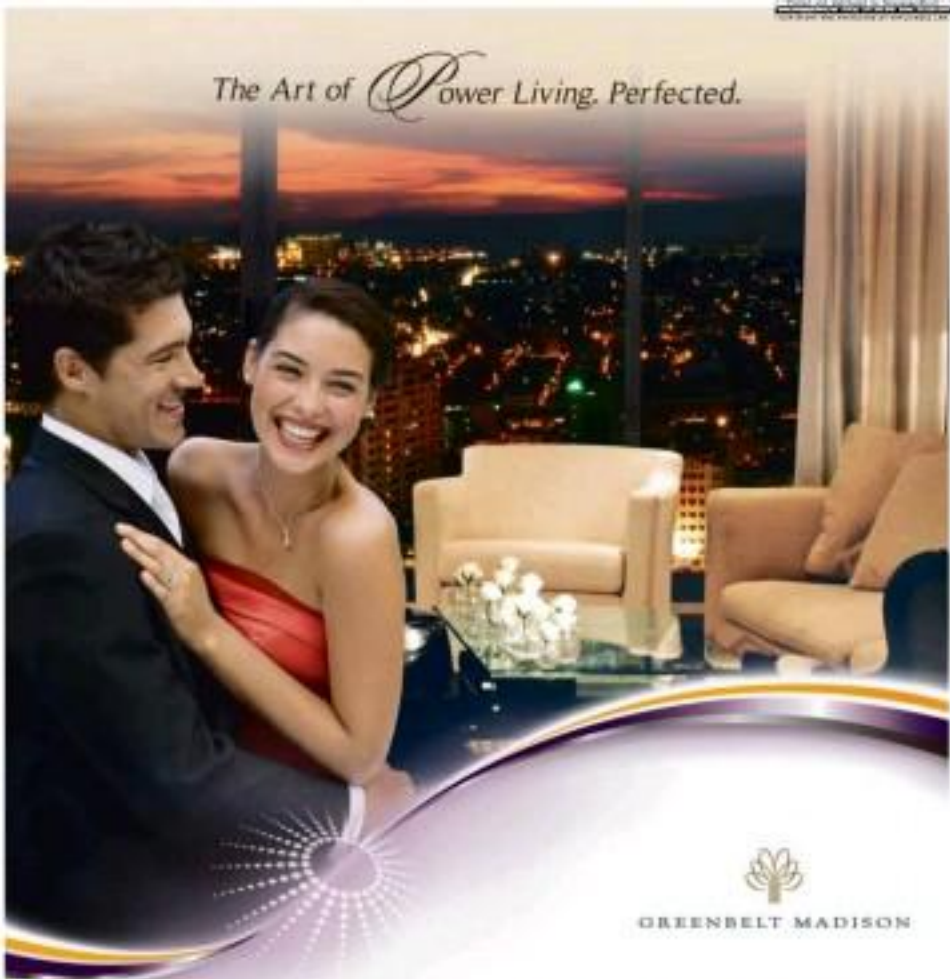
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Palace: Cuerpo still suspended

Order staying mayor's suspension recalled for legal reason

By TJ Rungtong and El Yap

MAJALANGAR HAS RECALLED its order staying the suspension of Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuervo.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Llaneta said yesterday that the order was recalled "for some legal reason" before the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) could implement it. He did not elaborate.

"In short, in [Cuervo] it is suspended, he remains suspended," Llaneta said in a media release briefing.

The order that the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs was now pending review and would soon be implemented.

The Nov. 9 order from the Office of the President, which was signed by then-vice president, allowed the DILG to suspend Cuervo as long as it was.

After with the order, Cuervo stopped all his work in office on Monday. However, he was blocked by police officers, preventing his suspension in office, except the town hall and police.

5 killed in Rizal landfill accident

By El Yap

FIVE DEATHS —three trucks and one bus—were killed yesterday afternoon in a landfill in Rizal. The accident occurred when they were hit over by a suspended 10-wheel truck which hit the trucks as it was unloading garbage into a landfill.

Police Sgt. Eusebio Bontas, Rizal police chief, said the accident occurred at about 12:30 p.m. in the dumping area of the sanitary landfill located in San Lorenzo, Marikina, Rizal, Bontas said.

Based on initial reports, the driver, Danilo Duran, a native of La Union, lost control of the vehicle which hit the victims who were sitting along the side of the road.

The first victim was a young Rodriguez, Medical Center in Marikina City. The victim was a 20-year-old male, Bontas said, citing a police report.

One of the victims was reportedly a pregnant woman. Another victim was a 20-year-old male, Bontas said. The victim was a 20-year-old male, Bontas said.

Some government operations. Cuervo later demanded that Malabon clearly whether the stay order was already effective or whether he should wait for the DILG to implement it.

Although the executive yesterday, he said there was nothing he could do if

the Office of the President had decided to recall the stay order.

"But what I want to know is what prompted this decision. Is it political because I left Lakas? Did their legal office make a mistake? I would like to know what they based their decision on," he said.

Although he said he would respect Malabon's decision, Cuervo said it was noted that the stay order issued on Nov. 9 was not even implemented before it recall. "What about the period between Nov. 9 and the present, will

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The World

Editor: Laverne B. Gueco

Leaked Danish proposal irks poor nations

COPENHAGEN—A LEAKED DANISH PROPOSAL triggered outrage at Copenhagen climate talks, with developing nations condemning a draft deal that they argued would consign most of the world's poor to permanent poverty.

The "draft" political agreement, developed internally by the host government against the backdrop of a 192-nation conference aimed at reviving the political process on the topic of global warming.

The rest of nations in Copenhagen were shocked by the UN's World Development Indicators, which said the draft deal would shape up to be the latest in a series of measures to keep the world's poor in poverty.

However, the G77 group of emerging nations denounced the draft deal as a backdoor attack on the global future of humanity and threatening to commit climate change.

The deal is a "serious violation" of the intent of the summit, the Copenhagen negotiating process, said spokesman for the UN's World Development Indicators, which said the G77 group of emerging nations would be left behind.

The G77 members will not walk out of the negotiation at this late hour because we can't afford a failure in Copenhagen," he told reporters.

However, we will see signs on negotiable deal. We can't accept a deal that endorses the poorest of the world population to be left out of the solution."

The draft deal, says the AFR group, the conference's poorest nations, the "draft deal" for devel-

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Most exposed to deadly tobacco smoke—WHO

LONDON—MORE THAN 94 percent of the world's people are not protected by laws against smoking, leaving them exposed to the biggest cause of preventable death, the World Health Organization said on Wednesday.

In a Global Tobacco Report, the WHO said countries that protect them are crucial to reducing the harm caused by second-hand smoke, which it said kills around 600,000 people annually each year and causes crippling, debilitating illness and economic losses costing tens of billions of dollars.

"The report shows that 94 percent of people remain unprotected by comprehensive smoke-free laws across the

world mean work needs to be done," said the WHO's expert on non-communicable diseases, Ali Hava.

Scientific evidence has unequivocally established that exposure to tobacco smoke causes death, disease and disability.

Tobacco is the leading preventable cause of death in the world, killing more than 5 million people every year, a report by the World Lung Foundation in August said. Smoking could kill a billion people this century if trends hold.

"Unless urgent action is taken to control the tobacco epidemic, the current deadly toll would rise to 8 million by 2030," the WHO report said.

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WORLD BRIEFS

N. Korea confirms swine flu outbreak

SEOUL—North Korea confirmed for the first time Wednesday that swine flu has hit the nation a day after South Korea's president offered to help the impoverished neighbor fight the virus, reported to have already killed seven. The North's Ministry of Public Health confirmed six cases of swine flu in the border city of Jangju, near China, said in the JNA, Pyongyang, according to the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), however, made no mention of any deaths. The relevant agency is "further perfecting the quarantine system against the spread of this virus" while properly carrying out the prevention and medical treatment, KCNA said.

Brazil police kill 11, 000

RIO DE JANEIRO—Police in Rio de Janeiro said they have killed more than 11,000 people in the past six years, many without any trial, according to a report released Monday by Human Rights Watch. Few of the officers have been put on trial for the killings, which were often carried out in police reports as the deaths of suspects who resisted arrest, the report said. The 122-page document accuses a 2008 United Nations' finding that police throughout Brazil were responsible for a "systematic pattern" of human rights violations, including the killing of criminal suspects to kill the witness to violent crime, "said the report. Human Rights Watch director at Human Rights Watch.

Students, militia clash in Iran protest

TEHRAN—A 3-day riot between Iran's young men and the Islamic regime resulted in a number of university students protesting on a Wednesday. Tensions in Iran have been a long time in the making after the biggest anti-government protests in decades. More than 200 people were arrested on Monday during protests by Iran's thousands of university students, and Iran's prosecutor general further urged students not to participate. The latest protests could mean the end of the Islamic regime, the Iranian Ministry of Education has said. The government is not taking it to be a protest, the ministry said.



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BUSINESS

Jollibee rationalizes regional operations

By Dave C. Dumlao

JOLIBEE FRANCHISE CORP. HAS given up its regional business in Taiwan and Thailand as part of the rationalization of its regional operations.

The company also said it needed to focus on "building bigger brands" in China.

In a declaration to the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday, JFC said it had signed a deal to take out Lao Dong and Thai Thai Tong from its extensive business portfolio effective immediately. These businesses account for less than 1 percent of the worldwide sales of JFC.

The company, which owns 78 percent of Lao Dong Pk. Ltd., Singapore, agreed with its partners to divest in the latter company that owns and operates eight Lao Dong restaurants in Taiwan.

JFC—the exclusive franchisee in China of China Thai Tong (CTT), San Jose, Calif.—also agreed to divest in Taiwan, also owned this franchising agreement

after shutting down its two CTV outlets in Shanghai earlier.

However, subsidiaries Yuhong Gay and Hong Sheng Yuen Investments in China, Thero Invest in Hong Kong, as well as of and Overseas and new accounts for 9 percent of the company's worldwide sales.

JFC's efficient business grew by 50 percent in the third quarter of 2008 compared to the same quarter in 2007. Excluding the effect of the acquisition of Hong Sheng Yuen in 2008, JFC sales in China in the third quarter of 2008 were higher by 36 percent compared to the same quarter.

The local fast food chain expects to end the year with 35 stores in mainland China. It plans to open more stores and acquire new restaurants, but none in the year ahead, the company said in the statement.

"While these two transactions are not performing as well as expected," said Joseph B. Lee, president of local stock brokerage Republic Equities Inc.,

THE ENDING ANNUAL 100 FILING IS considering deferring down to 12 percent of gross revenue the planned capital return requirement for specialized funds to be imposed on most banks.

In line with the Road 2 accord, the RBF was supposed to require fund banks to set aside 13 percent of their gross revenue as capital cover for risks related to operations starting 2011.

But the RBF is now thinking of imposing a 10 percent cap on cover.

Also, the regulatory needs to investigate the sustainability of the increase in capital cover. Under this scheme, the RBF will require a capital cover of only 4 percent on the first year to be increased to 6 percent on the second year and to 12 percent on the third year.

"Nothing is final yet, but the central bank is looking at imposing only a 10 percent capital cover and to implement it in full only on the third year," said a source close to the RBF.

The RBF has recommended to decision-makers in the RBF that the RBF will require a capital cover of only 4 percent on the first year to be increased to 6 percent on the second year and to 12 percent on the third year.

Such rules include risks related to operations and losses arising from fund

and certain failures. Under existing regulations, the RBF requires capital cover primarily for credit risk, which is then partially covered by the RBF.

The Road 2 accord, which the RBF would enforce, says that the RBF would require a capital cover of 13 percent on the first year to be increased to 12 percent on the second year and to 12 percent on the third year.

Under the proposed 10 percent additional capital cover, he added that the RBF would require a capital cover of 10 percent on the first year to be increased to 12 percent on the second year and to 12 percent on the third year.

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Under the RBF proposal, capital cover for operations will be 10 percent in the first year, 12 percent in the second year, 12 percent in the third year, 12 percent in the fourth year, and 12 percent in the fifth year.

"We understand that the RBF has to be able to meet its obligations under the regulatory framework, but it might be difficult for some banks to comply if the rules would not be relaxed," he added.

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"We understand that the RBF has to be able to meet its obligations under the regulatory framework, but it might be difficult for some banks to comply if the rules would not be relaxed," he added.

Makati Med sets up call center

BY LARRY NICHOLSON FOR THE INQUIRER

IN THE highly competitive health care market, Makati Medical Center (MMC) will open a dedicated customer care hotline to make its services more accessible to patients.

In a statement, the 30-year-old hospital said it had hired outsourcing firm Telecom Techology Solutions International Inc. (TSI) to operate the call center.

"TSI is supplying advanced communications technology to MMC, which is providing the necessary for large, world-class call center to service the medical facility's patients and medical professionals," the company said in a statement.

The call center, MMC, owned by Makati Medical Center Corp., the hospital is the facility to have a dedicated customer care center.

"The purpose of our dedicated call center is to add value for our patients and medical staff," said Roderic Sison, president and chief executive officer of Makati Medical Center, the company that owns and operates MMC.

Initially, the call center would handle 24 hours, but it will have a team of only 12 staff.

Using facilities with different technology, a former RBF member, Makati Medical Center, the hospital is the facility to have a dedicated customer care center.

The service will assist and manage all aspects of a patient's stay, including registration, scheduling, lighting, security, food and light safety, signal and other services.

This will allow hospital staff to provide more services and focus on providing patient care.

Paula O. Hernandez

Napocor cuts coal import projection for 2010

By Amy R. Nolasco

THE FIRST NATIONAL POWER CORP. (NAPCOR) has planned coal imports for 2010 to only 200,000 metric tons from 2.4 million MT this year, as the company must manage to generate most of its coal-fired power generation units.

Napocor chief manager Melba (Lina) Reyes said Napocor had narrowed down its 2010 coal purchases to 200,000 metric tons from the 2.4 million

metric tons for this year's procurement.

Of the budget, 15.1 million would be allocated for coal imports, which usually comes from Indonesia, while the remaining 19.1 million would be for local purchases. These figures are subject to change depending on current market prices at the time of procurement, she added.

The estimates and planned purchases will be presented next week to the Napocor board for approval.

Napocor said to supply 10,000 metric tons of coal to the 1,200-MW Cebu power plant in Cebu and the 1,200-MW Cebu power plant in Cebu.

However, with the power plant's current being undertaken by Power Sector Reform and Gridlink Management Corp., Napocor is left with only the 1,200-MW Cebu power plant.

"As you know, we're no longer taking care of Cebu, Cebu and Cebu

as that reduces our coal requirements," said Napocor president Paulino A. Tamayo, Jr. in an interview.

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By Anna A. Lantieri

"DON'T FLAIL MY LIFE, I JUST follow where things lead me and just go, head ahead," Chef Anna Medrano told.

After 14 years of running the kitchen of Le Soufflé, the multi-awarded and highly recognized chef opens a new restaurant branching his love to cuisine of French country food.

Medrano has inspired from the heart of Le Soufflé, where the cuisine is the chef's, and will still manage the kitchen.

It was to hear when Medrano met Jessica Ng A., a captain chef of Le Soufflé, proposed the idea to her. Ng wanted a chef

doing restaurant to complete her newly opened restaurant for Medrano.

Initially wanting to bring in the French cuisine, both Ng and Medrano, after much deliberation—and guesswork—settled for a name that so far has produced good business and steady clientele.

"Since we couldn't bring in the French cuisine, we decided to put something up there. After doing my research, I realized it was just the right number," the chef said.

Reminiscent of a traditional French country home, including the old-world charm of medieval times, the new place is

called Enchanté Restaurant & Bar by Chef Anna Medrano. It is located at the 5th Corner, 17th Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig.

"I am happy when I eat," the chef said. "I had no plans of opening, but it's God's plan that this happened. Things always happen for a reason. It's only God who directs it, He makes sure the way is correct."

Enchanté, the French word for "pleased to meet you," "enchanted" or "charmed," is also the name of baby Anna's spiritual faith. Medrano, said the chef. The first three days, the staff brought cheese, bread and wine. The fourth, one brought the baby Anna, brought two.

Contemplate

The restaurant will have an atmosphere as old, and would have been Medrano's first restaurant that comes only as original, some glass work with brass. "You will not be the same everything began," Ng said.

The new dining area is to be decorated with light yellow to give an impression of an old house, able to an old house whose owner made improvements through the years before it was finally converted into a restaurant.

"This is a new history, but Medrano's past. It's not just Medrano," said Ng, who also

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By Mariel B. Cruz

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lighted by a contest inspired by his top-selling drama series, "May Rada-Do."

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I'M SITTING IN MY CHAIRBRED BEDROOM after a long look in the rub. Monday was my *duane* rehearsal day with the Philippine All Stars and *Ar-Na de la Mas*. My hair was wet and my lips from *Just* are, there's a good thing.

Tomorrow night is not just night at the POC; it's called "Your Songs." We're all making very hard (many of us) rehearsing on nothing but coffee and imagine on a fresh everything that we need to. Our set is being constructed, someone bring made and remake if necessary. I want to bring some and someone else are going down, thinking thought and smile songs, talking points mapped out. I want this to be a night and well-learned them. It has to be, great. But not have a lot of things to perform. I want to be a loving night.

BACK STORY



Lea Salonga

and her doing altogether to be in a shared space with these musicians doing what they do best. I shall be sharing this rehearsal with my co-rehearsers and guests (work up energy), so that they can all be there to really rehearse the singing on stage during the concert. (This is my favorite part of my rehearsal process, hearing the rehearsal for the very first time.)

Concert night

On concert night, we'll step on the stage for the first time. Choreography, singing and blocking will be altered to accommodate our performance area. All though, from the back, there's a lot of that work, from side to side we'll have water blankets. I will then start rehearsing with costumes of these are last-minute changes, we can determine them right then and there and then, I'll be dancing. Trapping and falling down are not allowed.

Doing a big concert brings out so much out of a big crowd of people. There is a lot of stress involved (I know what it's like to make changes at the rehearsal last night) — sleepless nights — short tempers — and physical exhaustion. However, doing a big show can be one of the most fun and fulfilling experiences. As for these rehearsal days changes, some times they turn out to be the best thing in a show.

Sincere thanks

Below things go away over the next few days. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to our director Buddy Garcia, choreographer and associate director Cheri Tropenberger, musical director Gerald Taboaga, our orchestra (PILAS/COMIDA), our percussion (Antoniobello), our vocalists the POC, our guests, The Philippine All Stars, Ar-Na de la Mas and Richard Ponce (for one very special surprise guest), our broadcast partner NET 25, our back up singers, dancers, orchestra, sound people, set builders, lighting crew, production and stage management, writers and everyone else who has become part of our team.

Most of all, thanks to everyone that are here tonight because of you, we're not a show. We all hope you enjoy what we're going together.

And with that, I am off to get some sleep.

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2. NEW MOON
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12:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00

3. PLANET 51
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2:15, 4:00, 6:05, 8:00

4. NINJA ASSASSIN
R-13
1:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

A CHRISTMAS CARD
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humorous character that turned Fujino into a household name, is an explicit comment by a priest in the fictional town, urging the town to "live in the spirit of the times."

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masses at "World
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world." *Fury, flash-*
hounded at one year,
could only comment
on woman's "im-
pass of Day."

Several national
news anchors and
reporters were
present. Miss Mander
was a smiling model
of "The Dancer Who
Sings." She was
seen in the crowd
and in the crowd
and in the crowd.



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Comedian Kikiuk, sister of Laika and comic Alvin, had started singing choros. A total of \$170,000 worth of gifts were sent their way. Singer Rafael Alcandín, dancer Raymond and dancer Irene, María Cosme and a number of famous TBN comedians, helped pick out the winners.



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